

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 A method for processing a negotiable instrument includes entering at least one negotiable instrument identifier into a terminal; transmitting the at least one negotiable instrument identifier from the terminal to a host computer; receiving, at the terminal, a sign from the host computer, wherein the sign indicates an authorization status of the negotiable instrument; and automatically printing a mark on a document using a printer in communication with the terminal, wherein the mark corresponds with the sign so as to indicate the authorization status of the negotiable instrument.